[Mr. A. Easwara Pillai.]

(*c*) whether, in view of the fact that the premises of the Principal Munsiff's Court at Padmanabhapuram are large enough to accommodate the Additional Munsiff's Court also, there was a proposal to construct a building there for the Additional Munsiff's Court:

(*d*) whether they have called for a plan and estimate for the purpose; and

(*e*) whether they propose to begin the construction of the building in the near future?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Rs. 540.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) The question of the construction of a building can be decided only after the proposals relating to the re-distribution of the territorial jurisdiction of the several Courts of the State have been received from the High Court and orders passed thereon.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*): May I know the estimated cost of the new building?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): May I know whether there is any proposal from the High Court before Government regarding the re-distribution of the Padmanabhapuram Munsiff Court's jurisdiction?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

The Village Panchayat Court at Eraniel.

169. ***MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam II*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they propose to extend the jurisdiction of the Village Panchayat Court at Eraniel by adding more *pakuthies* to it?

RAS SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There is no such proposal.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*): May I know whether there were any applications for extending the jurisdiction of the Village Panchayat Court?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

PRESIDENT: Mr. T. K. Alexander.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): Sir, I rise to a point of order. The answer to the previous question presupposes that the member in charge ought to have come prepared for relevant fur-

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ther questions arising out of it. The question asked here directly arises from the answer given by the member in charge of the original question.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): I rise to a point of order. Can a point of order be raised on a question that has been asked and disposed of after another question has been called up?

PRESIDENT: Perhaps not.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know the number of cases that have come up for disposal in the Village Panchayat Court?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

Policy of the Excise Department.

170. *MR. T. K. ALEXANDER (*Kunnatnad I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the policy of the Excise Department is directed to the attainment of prohibition;

(*b*) the percentage of decrease in the number of shops and trees tapped for toddy for the last five years?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): (*a*) The policy of the Excise Department is the promotion of temperance and the attainment of gradual prohibition.

(*b*) Percentage of decrease or increase in the number of shops.

	Toddy		*Arrack*	
1104	4·05	(decrease)	6·46	(decrease)
1105	Nil		Nil	
1106	5·21	(decrease)	9·14	(decrease)
1107	0·26	(increase)	2·25	(increase)
1108	3·31	(decrease)	8·43	(decrease)

Percentage of decrease or increase in the number of trees tapped for toddy.

1104	9·31	(increase
1105	4·39	(decrease)
1106	32·38	(Do.)
1107	7·03	(Do.)
1108	5·65	(increase)

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know the answer to the first part of the question? I was not able to hear it when the official member answered it.

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): The policy of the Excise Department is the promotion of temperance and the attainment of gradual prohibition.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): May I know whether Government have a definite plan before them to attain prohibition?

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